



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MÄORI COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 24 February 2009

Time: 10.15am

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
Napier

Present: M Mohi - Chairman
E McGregor – HBRC Councillor
L Remmerswaal – HBRC Councillor
H Hilton
N Taylor
A Tipene
M Black
M Apatu
H Hiha
P Paku
F McRoberts
T Tareha

In Attendance: A Newman – Chief Executive
M Buchanan – Group Manager – Environmental Management
Mike Adye – Group Manager – Asset Management (Item 13)
L Lambert – Manager Policy (Items
V Moule – Kaitohutohu
M Drury – Minute Secretary

Chairman Mike Mohi welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that due to time restraints, some agenda items would be discussed out of order.

1. KARAKIA –HAAMI HILTON

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor T Gilbertson, Mr C Lambert and Mrs V Wairau.

An apology of lateness was received from Mr A Tipene.

3. SHORT TERM REPLACEMENT(S) ON COMMITTEE

Resolution:

1. That Mr Peter Paku be appointed as member of the Māori Committee of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for the meeting on Tuesday 24 February 2009 as short term replacement(s) on the Committee for Mr Michael Paku..

**Hilton/Tareha
CARRIED**

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 28 October 2008, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed following amendment

**Apatu/Hilton
CARRIED**

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2008

8. Draft Air Quality Plan Change

Mr Black advised the Committee that following concerns expressed at the Iwi Authority Board meeting with regard to the implications of the proposed Air Quality Plan Change on the Maori community, the Authority had engaged their legal counsel to address their concerns.

6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Winstones Aggregate

7. REPLACEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Following discussion by the Committee, it was agreed that this recommendation lie on the table to allow time to get an indication from those members of the Committee who were absent as to whether they would be interested in being a representative on the Environmental Management Committee.

It was noted that Chairman Mohi would be the Maori Committee's representative on the Environmental Management Committee until the position had been filled.

Resolution:

- 1 That the Committee recommend to Council:
 - 1.1 That Mr Peter Paku be appointed to the vacant position of Heretaunga Executive member on the Maori Committee.
 - 1.2 That Mr M Mohi, Chairman of the Maori Committee, represent the Committee at the Environmental Management Committee meeting until the position had been filled.

**Tareha/Taylor
CARRIED**

9. HERETAUNGA TAIWHENUA PRESENTATION

Chairman Mohi welcomed Alayna Watene of the Heretaunga Taiwhenua also congratulating her on the receipt of her award for the Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce's 'Business Person of the Year.'

Ms Watene gave a power-point presentation which outlined Heretaunga Taiwhenua's rationale for the establishment of a Regional Community Development Unit for Maori Communities. It is hoped this move will benefit from entering into a strategic partnership with HBRC.

Ms Watene also advised the Taiwhenua had engaged in meetings with HBRC and Tamatea but to date had not yet met with Wairoa or Whanganui a Orotu Taiwhenua.

It was noted that models of a similar nature in other regions in New Zealand were very successful and were self funded and Heretaunga Taiwhenua would continue to set up the unit to have an even closer affinity with Councils in the region.

Mr Newman advised that provision of funds had been allowed for in Council's 10 year plan (LTCCP) which would go out for public consultation in the near future.

Following further discussion the Committee strongly supported the proposal and agreed that the establishment of a professional group was a positive development which would form a strategic framework and empower hapu in the settlement of treaty claims.

Ms Watene confirmed that the requirement for Maori to have a cultural health index to consider when low river flows were being set was necessary, however, the Unit would not compile the index but with assist in the cultural aspects of the index

Chairman Mohi noted that Heretaunga Taiwhenua were committing their own funds which would enhance their partnership with Council and decrease the workload from Taiwhenua members as well as seeking support from Councils and other organisations.

Resolution

1. That the Committee receive the verbal report from Alayna Watene, Heretaunga Taiwhenua

**Hilton/McRoberts
CARRIED**

Mr Tipene joined the meeting at 11.30am

8. PROPOSED STORMWATER PLAN CHANGE

Mrs Lambert advised that Council had been considering a review of the provisions in its RMA plans for the management of Stormwater discharges with the views of the Maori Committee on this topic being provided to the Environmental Management Committee (EMC) following the July 2008 meeting of the Maori Committee.

Mrs Lambert noted that this agenda item gave a more formal version of the proposed Plan Change for Stormwater for comment by the Maori Committee prior to its forwarding to the EMC for consideration at the March meeting.

The Committee discussed the implications of the proposed plan changes and expressed concern at the lack of protection of flora and fauna within the rules, the runoff from farming/agricultural activities, runoff from subdivisions or the sufficient control of stormwater via diffusers once it arrives at an exit point.

Mrs Lambert responded to the concerns of the Committee, described a Sensitive Receiving Environment (SRE) and advised that the main concern in relation to water runoff in the region was urban run-off, however there would be other receiving environments besides the urban ones.

The Committee agreed that a working party be set up with members of the Committee to provide comment on the proposed Stormwater Plan Change.

Resolution

1. That the Committee:

- 1.1 Receive the paper Proposed Stormwater Plan Change for comment

**Mohi/Apatu
CARRIED**

- 1.2 A working party be set up with 4 members of the Committee to discuss the proposed Stormwater Plan Change and report back to the Environmental Management Meeting.

**Apatu/Hilton
CARRIED**

10. RURAL WATER SUPPLY

Mr Newman updated the Committee on the current water shortage at Bridge Pa and the reasons why this had occurred, noting that this was the driest event since 1967 and there were a large number of bores around the Plains that were dry or struggling.

Mr Newman advised that he had met with the CE of Hastings District Council and reached agreement on a short term solution, that Hastings District Council (who are responsible for the water supply) would provide a sustainable water supply to the Bridge Pa community by the end of the week.

A long term solution was required as the Hawke's Bay climate was getting drier and the management of water allocations had to become more sophisticated than at present. The Committee noted that in 2005 a Central Government Community Water Scheme linked to the socio-economic level of the community had been set up and Bridge Pa may be able to participate in the Scheme.

Chairman Mohi noted that the Bridge Pa Action Committee had met with HBRC and HDC staff twice in an attempt to resolve the situation.

Resolution

1. The Committee receive the verbal report on Rural Water Supply.

**Black/Apatu
CARRIED**

Mr Buchanan left the meeting at 12.00pm

15. HB INC – MAORI TOURISM BOARD

Chairman Mohi introduced Ms Janet Takarangi from HB Inc, Mr Tom Mulligan and Tania Luscombe for HB Maori Tourism.

Mr Mulligan outlined the role of HB Maori Tourism within the region and how it aligned with HB Incorporated.

Mr Mulligan also gave the Committee a verbal report on the plans of HB Maori Tourism Board regarding the possible World Cup Rugby events in the region. It was envisaged that it would be an exciting time for the Maori community during this time and the benefits would have a great impact on marae as well as the region. It was imperative that events were well organised and planning will commence shortly.

Resolution:

1. The Committee receive the verbal report from Mr Tom Mulligan of HB Maori Tourism.

**Apatu/Young
CARRIED**

Messrs F McRoberts and A Newman left the meeting at 12.30pm

11. HISTORIC PLACES TRUST PRESENTATION

Chairman Mohi introduced Dean Whiting NZHPT Maori Conservator who gave a power-point presentation which described the structure of the Trust, its responsibilities and illustrated work undertaken by the Trust.

The Committee discussed the waahi tapu sites list stage 2 which HDC was currently preparing and Mr Tipene confirmed he had not been involved in the preparation of the list to date.

The Committee also discussed the Historic Places Trust register of waahi tapu sites within the region which are included on the District Plan but noted the approach that Councils were taking to include further sites on the regional plans. Unfortunately this was being dealt with at whanau level and it was thought the matter should also be brought back to the Historic Places Trust Board for consideration.

Resolution

1. That the Committee receive the verbal report from the Historic Places Trust

**Hilton/Tareha
CARRIED**

12. STATUTORY ADVOCACY MATTERS FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2008 TO 31 JANUARY 2009

Ms Bate summarised proposals under Council's statutory advocacy project and the Resource Management Act 1991, from 1 November 2008 to 31 January 2009.

The Committee requested an update from staff in regard to Glencoe Family Trust Lot 2 and Part Lot 1 DP 10175.

Resolution

- 1. That the Committee receive the report "Statutory Advocacy Matters – 1 November 2008 to 31 January 2009.

**Mohi/Apatu
CARRIED**

13. UPDATE ON ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Mr Adye updated the Committee on the review Council is undertaking on its Asset Management Plans for its flood control and drainage schemes and noted that the assets associated with these schemes included stop-banks, pumping stations, drainage channels and live tree edge protection, as well as a number of structures. Their total depreciated replacement value was approximately \$120 million. The Asset Management Plans form the basis for the work programmes and funding included in Council's 2009/19 10 year Plan.

Mr Adye advised that more intensive storm events were occurring more frequent and stop-banks would need to be heightened. Climate change could also influence sea level rise and these events would also need to be taken into account.

Resolution

- 1 That the Maori Committee receives the update report on Asset Management Plans.

**Black/Hilton
CARRIED**

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Winstones

It was noted by the Committee that Winstones Aggregate appeared to be building extra stocks of pea gravel on the site at Awatoto. This matter would be referred to the Compliance staff at HBRC.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1.30pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: